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SUBJECT: APPROACH TO SOVIETS ON PLO OFFICE

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1. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT THE ALLIES SHOULD SET FORTH THEIR POSITION TO SOVIETS ON PLO OFFICE IN EAST BERLIN AT EARLY OPPORTUNITY. ACCORDINGLY, USBER REQUESTED RAISE MATTER ON PRIORITY BASIS WITH BRITISH AND FRENCH, WITH OBJECTIVE OF HAVING CHAIRMAN PROTOCOL OFFICER DISCUSS IT WITH SOVIET COUNTERPART ALONG LINES GIVEN BELOW. WE ENVISAGE THIS AS A FIRST STEP, AND WOULD WISH LEAVE OPEN POSSIBILITY OF HAVING ALLIED AMBASSADORS PURSUE MATTER
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WITH YEFREMOV IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

2. ORAL PRESENTATION TO SOVIETS SHOULD CONTAIN FOLLOWING
GENERAL POINTS:

(A) THE WESTERN ALLIES HAVE NOTED WITH CONCERN THE
ANNOUNCEMENT IN EARLY AUGUST OF THE INTENTION OF THE
PALESTINIAN LIBERATION ORGANIZATION TO ESTABLISH AN OFFICE
IN EAST BERLIN. WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT WORK THIS OFFICE WILL
DO, BUT HAVE HEARD THAT AMONG ITS ACTIVITIES WILL BE THE
TRAINING OF PERSONNEL FOR ACTS OF TERRORISM. WHATEVER ITS
FUNCTION, BERLIN OFFICE CANNOT HELP BUT INTRODUCE A NEW
ELEMENT OF TENSION INTO BERLIN AND WORK AGAINST OUR MUTUAL

EFFORTS TO CREATE DETENTE.

3. SEVERAL WEEKS AGO, FOR EXAMPLE, A BOMB EXPLODED IN AN
ISRAELI EXHIBIT IN THE WESTERN SECTOR. WHILE THE
PERPETRATORS OF THIS CRIME HAVE NOT YET BEEN APPREHENDED,
WE WISH TO TAKE WHATEVER STEPS ARE WITHIN OUR POWER TO
PREVENT FURTHER ACTS OF TERRORISM. WE ALSO WISH TO POINT
OUT THAT AL-FATAH (WHICH IS ELEMENT OF PLO) OFFICE IN
KHARTOUM WAS STAGING AREA FOR BLACK SEPTEMBER OPERATION
WHICH RESULTED IN MURDER OF A BELGIAN AND TWO US
DIPLOMATS. THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR ESCAPED POSSIBLE
SERIOUS INJURY IN THAT INCIDENT.

WE BELIEVE, THEREFORE, THAT IT IS ALSO IN SOVIET INTEREST
TO DO NOTHING WHICH MIGHT ENCOURAGE TERRORISM OR LEAD THOSE
WHO ARE INCLINED IN THIS DIRECTION TO BELIEVE THEY HAVE
THE SUPPORT--TACIT OR ACTIVE--OF AUTHORITIES ANYWHERE IN
BERLIN.

5. IT IS IN THIS SPIRIT THAT WE ASK THAT THE SOVIET
EMBASSY USE ITS INFLUENCE TO KEEP THE PLO OFFICE FROM
OPERATING. KISSINGER

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